

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1353
By Crider

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dale Burns, Principal of Bradford High School, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dale Burns is one such estimable educator who has taken a much deserved retirement from his position as Principal at Bradford High School in Bradford, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, born November 18, 1946, Dale Burns joined the United States Navy in 1964 and served for four years; he graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1975; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure in education, Mr. Burns not only served Bradford High School with the utmost acumen and alacrity as its Principal from 1997-2003, he was also a classroom teacher at Park Avenue Junior High School and Milan High School in Milan; West Carroll High School in Atwood; and Peabody High School in Trenton; and

WHEREAS, one of Dale Burns's inventive teaching methods was the use of music to enhance his students' learning and understanding of places and events, including playing Johnny Horton's "The Battle of New Orleans" to make the study of the Civil War more memorable; and

WHEREAS, a friendly, likeable administrator and teacher with a good sense of humor and a great deal of patience for explaining the rules, Dale Burns served as a head coach for junior high school boys' and girls' basketball and high school boys' and girls' basketball; he also coached junior high school football, as well as high school football, baseball, and golf; and

WHEREAS, Coach Burns's famous temper was known to flare when coaching basketball, and he earned a reputation for breaking clipboards, going through so many in one

season that his assistant coach jokingly bought him an “unbreakable” metal clipboard, which was also promptly reduced to scrap; and

WHEREAS, Dale Burns is a dedicated member of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, which he serves as a deacon; he is also a member of the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Dale Burns and his wife, Barbie have been blessed with three children: Byron, Clay, and Crystal Gail; and

WHEREAS, although he has been and continues to be involved in the lives of countless people, his family knows they rank at the top of his priority list and are first in his heart; Dale Burns’s children view him as an exemplary role model and mentor, and his devotion to his wife of thirty-three years, Barbie Brown, is unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burns has been an extremely talented and compassionate administrator and educator who has worked assiduously to motivate his students and faculty to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dale Burns has served as an inspiration to his colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Principal Dale Burns truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher and administrator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Mr. Dale Burns, Principal of Bradford High School, commending his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.